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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

A Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 4th October, 2023

To,

As per list attached.

Subject: Inviting applications for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for year 2023

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite the applications for the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for 2023 in the following categories:

- a) Identification and nurturing of budding/young talent
- b) Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility
- c) Employment of sports persons and sports welfare measures
- d) Sports for Development

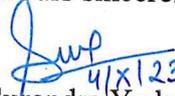
2. Applications of eligible entities for four categories of awards for the year 2023 under Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar scheme are invited from all recognized National Sports Federations; Indian Olympic Association; Industry Chambers such as Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Associated Chamber of Commerce (ASSOCHAM) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) including sports bodies at state and national level, State Governments; Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Sports Control/Promotion Boards of various Government Organizations such as All India Police Sports control Board, Army Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, Indian Navy Sports Control Board and Air Force Sports Control Board, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, etc. Any corporate entity, public or private, which has made contributions towards sports promotion. and development, can also apply directly to the Government.

3. The Sports Departments of the State Governments and the Central Government mandated specifically for promotion and development of sports will not be considered for the Puruskar, as the main objective of Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar scheme is to encourage and promote corporate involvement in promotion and development of sports in the country and recognizing the efforts of corporate entities in promotion and development of Sports.

4. Applications are being invited only online through a dedicated Portal. Entities eligible in accordance with the award guidelines are permitted to self-apply without the recommendation of the authorities/persons through online Portal ***dbtyas-sports.gov.in*** only. In case any issue is faced in online application form, the applicant may contact the Department of Sports at **sportsawards-moyas@gov.in**, Tel. No. 011-2338 7432 from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm on any working day or Toll Free No. 1800-202-5155, 1800258-5155 (any working day between 8.00 am to 8.00 pm).

5. A copy of scheme for the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar (amended as. on 12.2.2015) is attached at Annexure – I.
6. It should be noted by all that canvassing in any form for/by an entry will render it liable to disqualification.
7. The applications of the eligible sportspersons for the award must be submitted online at the dedicated portal dbtyas-sports.gov.in by 11.59 pm on **2nd November, 2023**.

Yours sincerely,


(Surendra Yadav)
4/11/23

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Phone No. 011-2338 5046

Copy to:

1. PS to Minister for YA&S
2. PS to Minister of States for YA&S
3. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
4. PSO to Joint Secretary (Development)
5. PS to Joint Secretary (SP)

To:

1. Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, (All States and UTs)
2. President/Secretary General, (All recognized National Sports Federation Federations).
3. President/Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, B-29, Olympic Bhawan, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
4. President /Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) 4th Floor, Cricket Centre Wankhede Stadium 'D' Road, Churchgate Mumbai- 400020.
5. Secretary, Services Sports Control Board, Room No.97, G Block, Armed Forces, Headquarters, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Secretary Railway Sports Promotion Board Room no. 452, 4th Floor, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.
7. Secretary All India Police Sports Control Board 25, Akbar Road, New Delhi
8. Secretary, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, 1012, Surya Kiran Building, 19, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi- 110001
9. Secretary, Air India Sports Promotion Board 1st Floor, Vayudoot Building, Sat darjung Airport, New Delhi.
10. Secretary, SAIL, ports Promotion Board, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Corporate Office, Ispat Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003
11. Secretary, Central Civil Services Cultural & Sports Board, 36 -B Wing, 3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan New Delhi- 110003
12. Director General, Sports Authority of India, East Gate, JLN Stadium, Lodhi Road New Delhi.

SCHEME FOR THE 'RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR'
(Amended as on 12.2.2015)

1. DEFINITION OF RULES

The Scheme may be called the "Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar". There will be following four categories of awards under the Scheme:

- (a) Identification and nurturing of budding/young talent
- (b) Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility
- (c) Employment of sports persons and sports welfare measures
- (d) Sports for Development

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the award is to encourage and promote involvement of corporates, voluntary organizations, sports control boards etc., in the promotion and development of sports in the country.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Scheme" means the scheme for 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar'
- (b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) "Award" means the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.
- (d) "Chairperson" means chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (g) "Sports journalist/expert/commentator" means a person who is associated with sports journalism including freelancing in print or electronic media, or a person who writes extensively on sports issues or has written books on sports, or a person who gives live commentary during sports events.
- (h) "Sports body" means sports organizations both governmental and non-governmental, sports federations, sports promotion boards which are engaged in promotion and development of sports in the country.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1** Any corporate entity, public or private, sports control boards and non-governmental organization (NGOs) including sports bodies at state and national level, which has played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development will be eligible to be considered for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.

4.2 For the category of Identification and nurturing of budding/young talent', the entity should have identified and nurtured at least 50 young and budding sportspersons each year during the last three years.

4.3 For the category of 'Encouragement to sports through corporate social responsibility, the entities should have contributed a minimum of 5% of their gross profit or an amount not less than Rs. 2 crore in the preceding three financial years towards sports promotion and development. Outlays meant purely for commercial purposes will not be counted towards this contribution. Only contributions of non-commercial nature as part of corporate social responsibility will be considered for assessing the contribution made by the corporate concerned, towards the promotion and development of sports in the country. Copies of audited statement of accounts for the last three years should be submitted along with application.

4.4 For the category of 'Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures', the entity should have recruited at least 50 sportspersons during last three years.

4.5 For the category of 'Sports for Development', only non-governmental organizations, which have been working for promotion and development of sports at least for the last three years would be eligible to apply. Memorandum of Association, Rules & Regulations, Bye-laws, etc under which applicant NGO has been established and documents indicating the source of funds for its functioning and activities should also be submitted along with application.

4.6 The Sports Departments of the State Governments and the Central Government mandated specifically for promotion and development sports should not be considered for the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1 Nominations for the Awards will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports from all recognized National Sports Federations; Indian Olympic Association; Industry Chambers such as Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICC), Associated Chamber of Commerce (ASSOCHAM) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), State Governments; Sports Authority of India and Sports Control/Promotion Boards of various Government Organizations such as the All India Police Sports Control Board, Army Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, Indian Navy Sports Control Board and Air Force Sports Control Board, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India etc. Any corporate entity, public or private, non-governmental organizations including sports bodies at state or national level, which has made contribution towards sports promotion and development as per the scheme, can also apply directly to the Government.

5.2 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to nominate any corporate entity, public or private, non-governmental organization including sports bodies at state and national level in deserving cases where their nominations have not been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

5.3 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year for which the applications are invited.

5.4 The nominations/applications will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma attached with the application form.

6. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION

All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 5.1 will be scrutinized in the Ministry and Sports Authority of India, if required, for verification of the statements/claims made by the applicant entities, on the basis of its own records or from other sources.

7. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

7.1 **Constitution of a Selection Committee:** The Awards will be recommended by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India as under:

1.	Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Chairperson
2.	Previous awardees of Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar	2 members
3.	Nominee of Industry associations, viz., Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Associated Chamber of Commerce (ASSOCHEM) etc	1 member
4.	Sports Journalists/Experts/Commentators	1 member
5.	Secretary (Sports) (in person) of State Government	1 member
6.	Representative of Indian Olympic Association	1 member
7.	Representative of a Non-Governmental Organization, active in sports	1 member
8.	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member (Ex-officio)
9.	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member (Ex-officio)
10.	Deputy Secretary (Sports)/Director (Sports), Department of Sports	Member-Secretary (Ex-officio)

7.2 There should be a minimum two years gap before a member other than ex-officio and representative of Indian Olympic Association is re-nominated as member in the Selection Committee.

7.3 **Selection criteria:** The Committee will evaluate nominations/applications on the basis of multi-aceted criteria for the various categories of the awards as detailed below: -

a)	Identification and nurturing of budding talent	(i) Number of children identified and nurtured year-wise in last three years (ii) Details of sports infrastructure created (iii) Number of schools, colleges, universities, clubs or other such units adopted
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(b)	Encouragement to sports through corporate social responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Funds earmarked under corporate social responsibility for sports related activities year –wise (during last three preceding financial years) (ii) Details of sports activities (including creation and development/upgradation of sports infrastructure, procurement of sports equipments, engagement of coaches, conduct of sports competitions/tournaments, training and coaching of sportspersons and teams) funded under Corporate Social Responsibility during last preceding three years
(d)	Employment to sportspersons and other welfare measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Number of sportspersons employed year-wise during last three years (ii) Level of employment along with salary structure (iii) Promotional avenues offered to sportspersons employed (iv) Sports achievements of employed sportspersons (v) other welfare measures for sportspersons
(e)	Sports for development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Details of activities undertaken for harnessing the potential of sport to contribute to the achievement of development objectives and peace, (ii) Details of activities of to ensure that communities have physical play environments that are safe and accessible, (iii) Details of activities undertaken towards enhancement of the capacity of schools and teachers to effectively deliver sports and physical education programmes. (iv) Year of coming into existence of the NGO:

7.4 The Chairperson, in consultation with Member Secretary, may constitute panels from amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

7.5 The Chairperson may seek advice of experts in specific sports disciplines wherever necessary.

7.6 Any person directly or indirectly related to an entity nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning that entity.

7.7 The Committee will determine its own work procedure.

7.8 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

7.9 The Committee shall make its recommendations to the Government of India within one month of reference.

7.10 The Executive Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the time of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

7.11 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and the recommendations made by the Committee.

7.12 The recommendations of the Selection Committee will be considered by the Government. The decision of the Government shall be final.

8. NUMBER OF RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKARS

8.1 There will be only one award every year for each category of the award mentioned in para 1 above.

9. GENERAL

9.1 The awards will consist of a citation and a trophy in each of the above-mentioned categories. There will be no cash award.

9.2 The Awards will be presented to the winners at the function for the presentation of the Award to be held at a place and on a date to be determined by the Government.

9.3 The Awards will be in addition to any other award, which the corporate entities may have got from other organizations for the same achievements.

9.4 No Award will be made for a second time to the same entity for the same category.

9.5 In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry and Sports Authority of India will make necessary verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees.

9.6 At the time of the ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan, the awards will be conferred upon only on those awardees, who are present. The awards can be received by the Head/CEO of the entity or any other person authorized by the head/CEO.

9.7 The awardees who are not able to attend the ceremony to receive the award, can later receive the same from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

9.8. The Government of India may cancel, annul the Award to any recipient for specific reasons and thereupon the recipient shall be required to surrender the citation and trophy but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

9.9. The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by the scheme and of the interpretation of the provisions of the scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against them.

9.10. An entity nominated for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the scheme.

9.11. Canvassing in any form in respect of an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.
